

## Changes to Basic Health

### Employment information

Beginning in July, we will be asking a few more questions when people apply for coverage, or when current members are recertified.

The Washington State Legislature is interested in Basic Health members' employment: the name and address of the employer, the hire date, and how many hours are worked each week. You will see these questions on documents we send you. Please know that your answers to these questions will not affect your coverage. The legislature is simply gathering this information.

### Income information

One of the things we look at to make sure you qualify for Basic Health is your income. As of July 1, we will be looking at your income information in a slightly different way. We will be doing this on a going-forward basis only.

- If you are self-employed, you may be able to deduct expenses for "business use of the home" if you can prove more than half of your home is used for business most of the year, or if you have a

separate building on your residential property that is used only for business.

- We will no longer count long-term capital gains as income. However, we will continue to count short-term capital gains.
- Crime victims' compensation no longer will be counted as income.
- L&I (Labor and Industries) one-time payments no longer will be counted as income.
- One-time gambling or lottery winnings no longer will be counted as income if they are received more than one month before applying for Basic Health. They are still counted if received within 30 days of applying for coverage or after you apply.

**Please keep this information with the list on page 9 of your 2006 Basic Health Member Handbook.** These changes could affect your monthly premium or your Basic Health eligibility (if your income is too high to qualify for the program). So from now on, when we ask you for updated information or if you report a change in income, we will be using this new formula.

## Reporting income changes

If your income changes, your monthly premium or eligibility for Basic Health may change, too. You must tell us about any income change within 30 days. Continue paying your premium as shown on your bill until we tell you the new premium amount.

To let us know when your income changes, send a *Family Income Worksheet/Reporting Form*, along with documentation of current income and IRS documentation for the most current year. You may get the *Family Income Worksheet/Reporting Form* by calling 1-800-842-7712, or visiting our Web site ([www.basichealth.hca.wa.gov/doc/incomepacket.pdf](http://www.basichealth.hca.wa.gov/doc/incomepacket.pdf)).

# Adding someone to your account?

You may enroll eligible family members for coverage (see your *Basic Health Member Handbook* for details) on your Basic Health account at any time of year due to:

- Marriage (within 30 days of the date of your marriage);
- Newborn or newly adopted child (within 60 days of the birth or placement for adoption);
- New dependents, including children, full-time students age 19-22, or adults with a disability, who are joining your family (within 30 days of the date they become your dependent); or
- Loss of other coverage (within 30 days of the loss of coverage).

To enroll a family member on your account outside of the times listed above, you must wait until open enrollment, which happens each fall. You will get an open enrollment notice in the mail explaining what to do.

You may add eligible family members to your account to update family size at any time, without adding them for coverage. We consider family size when we figure your income, so your premium will be adjusted according to the number in your family.

To add or enroll a family member, complete and return a *Family Changes Form* (call 1-800-842-7712 or online



at [www.basicehealth.hca.wa.gov/doc/recert/25-505.pdf](http://www.basicehealth.hca.wa.gov/doc/recert/25-505.pdf)). Be sure to follow all instructions, and send in the necessary documents with your application. You will get written notice telling you when the added family member's Basic Health coverage begins.

## Your monthly premium

Payments are due by the 5th day of the month before the actual month of coverage (for example, you will receive a bill in the middle of June due July 5th for August coverage). The amount and due date are shown on every bill.

It is very important that your monthly premium is paid on time. If it isn't, you will lose coverage for one month and you will have to pay all of your medical costs during that time. If you lose coverage for two months in a row or three times within 12 months because you didn't pay your premium on time, you will be disenrolled from Basic Health and won't be able to come back for at least one year.

**This serves as official notice of changes to your Basic Health coverage.**

To obtain this document in another format (such as Braille or audio), call our Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at 360-923-2805. TTY users (deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired), call 360-923-2701 or toll-free 1-888-923-5622.

Si desea ayuda en español, llame al 1-800-321-0291. Для обслуживания на русском языке, позвоните, пожалуйста, по телефону 1-800-387-8224.  
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